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Sir,

I am glad to learn, by your letter of the 14th inst, received this morning, that you have advanced so far in your preparations for commencing work at the New Orleans Mint. I have ^{been} kept long in the dark as to your proceedings, owing, as I now suppose, to the illness of Mr. Brudford.

I approve entirely of your course with regard to Mr. Jackson, and hope you will not hesitate to lop off the other faithless workman of whom you speak. In conducting such an establishment as is committed to your charge, at such a place as New Orleans, great firmness will be necessary on the part of the officers; and I am happy to find that they have the moral courage to exert it. They must be the masters, for they have all the responsibility. We are astonished to learn that Mr. Brant has presumed to meddle in this matter, and above

all that he should have ^{encouraged} ~~taught~~ the ~~feels~~
of the men in their insubordination.
He will find, on his return, that he
has done his last work for that mint.

Your des. men ordered on the rec-
eipt of my last letter from Mr. For-
stall, and are now in progress. — We
shall also send you a series of coins.

Mr. Francis (to whom I have sent a
messenger this morning) promises to have
six adjusting balances finished for you
next in the course of a week.

Complete sets of large balances for
your establishment, ^{with many other articles,} ordered in France,
were sent from Havre in the *Formosa*
~~for~~ to New York, and I am sorry
to say that much alarm is entertained
for her safety, as she has been 75
days out, and is not heard of. The
loss would be a severe misfortune
to the Branch Mint.

I have written to Mr. Forrestall that
his draft to pay Mess Barlett & Co.
should be honored on present arrival.

Please to inform Dr. Hunt that
Mr. Eckfeldt graduated the machine

for his normal solution, by mixing the
 requisite quantities of water in it, and
 marking the lines at which they stood.
As it is a question of proportion, it is un-
necess any that French rights should be
employed.

Let me thank you for your very
satisfactory letter, and invite you to
communicate to me freely, from time
to time, ^{the} ~~your~~ proceedings in your
department of the Mint. I am
very anxious to be kept informed as
to your condition.

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